

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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ATTEMPTS FOR CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of attempts allowed to the candidates belonging to the General, the OBC and the Physically Handicapped categories in the Civil Services Examination (CSE);
- (b) whether the Physically Handicapped (PH) candidates are allowed less number of attempts to appear in the CSE as compared to their counterparts in the OBC category;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allow equal number of attempts for all the candidates belonging to the OBC and the PH categories in the CSE;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether any discrimination in the allotment of the cadre to Physically Handicapped candidates has come to the notice of the Government; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

- (a) to (e): At present, four chances are allowed to the candidates belonging to the general categories, seven attempts are allowed to OBC candidates, unlimited attempts to SC/ST candidates. A Physically Handicapped candidate gets as many attempts as are available to other non-physically handicapped candidate of his or her community. However, recently a policy decision has been taken that physically handicapped candidates belonging to general Category will get 7 attempts. This is being implemented with prospective effect.
- (f): No, sir.
- (g): Question does not arise.
- (h): Question does not arise.